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IMMIGRANT VISA APPLICANT APPOINTMENT PACKAGE (IH-3)

The Consular Section of the U.S. Embassy in Hanoi is ready to begin processing the immigrant visa for your prospective adopted child. Please read the instructions below and prepare documents as requested. If you have any questions about the process, please email: HanoiAdoptions@state.gov.

- If for any reason the child is unable to attend the interview as scheduled, please request to schedule a new interview appointment. The request should be made via email to: HanoiAdoptions@state.gov. Please note that there is no assurance that a visa will be approved.
- We will make every effort to process approved visas within **2-3** business days; occasionally visas are delayed due to administrative processing or technical issues.
- Prospective adoptive parents must have both the originals and copies of the documents listed below. We will return the original documents at the time of the interview. All documents not in English must be accompanied by a certified English translation, which must include a statement by the translator stating that the translation is accurate and that the translator is certified to translate.

Please remember to arrange the copies of all required documents in the order listed below and separate all original documents from copies. **Please note that these documents should be submitted to the Consular Section at least one business day prior to the visa interview date. Failure to present complete documentation may delay or prevent issuance of a visa.**

1. Child's Vietnamese passport and 1 copy of the biometric page.
2. Two 50mm square full-faced visa photos of the child (see specifications below).
3. Copy of both parents' passports (please attach a copy of the non-traveling parent's passport if applicable).
4. Original Medical Examination Results by IOM.
5. Vaccination Affidavit (applicable for children up to 10 years old). The vaccination Affidavit must be completed, the parent's signature notarized. The notarization can be done on the interview date at Consular Section. There is a \$50 fee for each notary signature which can be paid to the consular cashier in cash or via credit card. We accept U.S Dollars or Vietnamese Dong.
6. Adoption Decree (original, copy & notarized translation).
7. Giving & Receiving minutes (original, copy & notarized translation).
8. Certificate of Conformity of Intercountry Adoption (Article 23) (original and copy).
9. Child's Birth Certificate.

VISA PHOTO REQUIREMENTS

Each visa applicant must submit **two (2) 50mm square “full face”**, unmounted photos, with white background taken within the past six months. A “full face” photo is one in which the applicant is facing the camera directly. The applicant should not be looking down or to either side, and the face should cover about 50 percent of the area of the photo. Starting November 1, 2016, eye glasses will no longer be allowed in visa photos. Although variations in hair styles and in head coverings make it difficult to rigorously define the term “face”, in general, the head of the applicant, including both face and hair, should be shown from the crown of the head to the tip of the chin on top and bottom, and from hair line side-to-side. It is preferable that the ears be exposed. The child’s name needs to be printed on the back of the photo. Please visit this link for more information and a sample photo <http://travel.state.gov/content/passports/english/passports/photos/photos.html>.

MEDICAL EXAMINATION RESULTS

Please do not open the envelope provided by the Panel Physician. There are two steps that you need to follow:

- **STEP 1: Medical examination** with one of our designated Panel Physicians. You **MUST** take the child to visit the Panel Physician before going to the immunization provider. Bring the following to the appointment:
 - Notification Letter provided by U.S Embassy in Hanoi
 - Child’s Vietnamese Passport,
 - Copies of the Prosecutive Adoptive Parents’ passport,
 - Child’s available medical report,
 - Two standard photos of the child, and
 - The medical examination processing fee. The fee for each applicant is US\$132/child under 15 years old; US\$215/child 15 years or older. Fees are payable to the International Organization for Migration (IOM). The IOM office accepts fees in U.S. Dollars or Vietnam Dong in cash.

Results of the exam are usually complete in approximately three business days. **All applicants should verify the names, date of birth, and case numbers on the medical forms before completing the medical exam.**

Below is the address of the Panel Physician in Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh city:

Hanoi:

The International Organization for Migration (IOM)

Level 12A, CMC Building

Duy Tan Street, Dich Vong Ward, Cau Giay, Hanoi

Tel: (84-4) 3736 6258 – Ext 127/ 3795 5884/ 3795 5885/Website: <http://www.iom.int.vn>

Ho Chi Minh City:

<i>The International Organization for Migration (IOM)</i>	<i>Cho Ray Hospital (CRH), Visa Medical Unit</i>
1B Pham Ngoc Thach Street, District 1, HCMC	201B Nguyen Chi Thanh Street, Ward 12,
Tel: (84-8) 3822 2058/ 3822 2057/ 3822 2061/	District 5, HCMC
Website: http://www.iom.int.vn	Tel: (84-8) 3856 5703/Website: http://www.choray.vn

Please note that the examining physician will discuss with you the exam results and any required follow-up treatment for the child. If follow-up treatment is needed, it must occur at the Panel Physician’s office.

- **STEP 2: Vaccination:** After completing the medical exam, the Panel Physician will provide vaccination instructions. Fees for vaccinations depend on the age of the child and the required vaccinations. Please remember to bring all of the child’s vaccination records to the appointment.